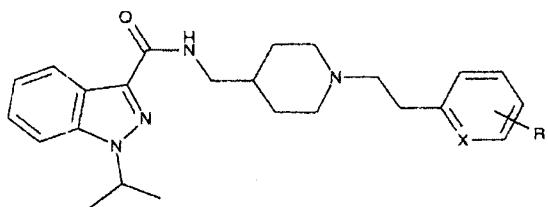


IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A method for treating neuropathic pain comprising administering to a human subject having neuropathic pain 0.001 to 100 mg/kg/day of the compound of formula I:



(I)

wherein X is CH or N, and

when X is CH, R is H, OH, a linear or branched alkyl chain having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkoxy chain having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, or a halogen atom, and

when X is N, R is H;

or an acid addition salt thereof with a pharmaceutically acceptable organic or inorganic acid.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein X is N and R is H in the compound of formula (I).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein X is CH and R is H in the compound of formula (I).

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein X is CH and R is OH in the compound of formula (I).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein X is CH and R is halogen in the compound of formula (I).

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein X is CH and R is a linear or branched alkyl chain having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms in the compound of formula (I).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein X is CH and R is a linear or branched alkoxy chain having from 1 to 3 carbon atoms in the compound of formula (I).

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the [[is]] human has neuropathic pain resulting from diabetes.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the [[is]] human has neuropathic pain resulting from immunodeficiency.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the [[is]] human has neuropathic pain resulting from trauma.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the [[is]] human has neuropathic pain resulting from ischaemia.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the [[is]] human has neuropathic pain resulting from multiple sclerosis.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the [[is]] human has neuropathic pain resulting from sciatic neuralgia.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the [[is]] human has neuropathic pain resulting from trigeminal neuralgia.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the [[is]] human has neuropathic pain resulting from a post-herpetic syndrome.